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MEMORANDUM FOR: National Intelligence Officer for
Strategic Programs

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: NIE 11-3/8-78, Volume I ☐

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1. I think the new executive summary is outstanding. Thanks. ☐

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2. A few comments annotated. ☐

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3. I'm not on board with paragraphs 17-24 as yet, although I don't reject them. They're a lot stronger than my sense of the situation. I'd like to look at them again in a few days, and particularly after Bob Bowie has a chance to review them. ☐

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4. On the subject of air defense and how we display it, I think you have done a super job in the text and I won't ask you to go any further. I will ask you to prepare some charts that we can have for backup in Congressional and other testimony. To begin with, I'd like to look at 1985

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5. I recognize this is not a scientific calculation, and hence won't put it in an estimate, but I'm perfectly happy to give the decision-makers some parameterized examples of what they may be facing. ☐

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